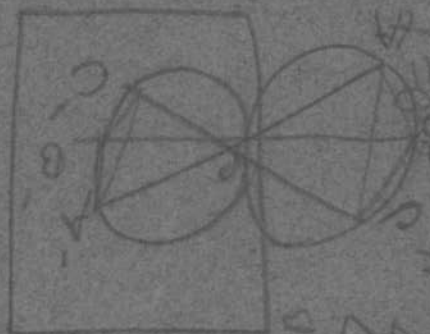


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PACIFIC COLLEGE

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### The True Christmas Spirit

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"Earth gets its price for what Earth gives us;  
The beggar is taxed for a corner to die in,  
The priest has his fee who comes and shrives us,  
We bargain for the graves we lie in,  
At the devil's booth all things are sold,  
Each ounce of dross costs its ounce of gold;  
For a cap and bells our lives we pay,  
Bubbles we buy for a whole soul's tasking.  
'Tis heaven alone that is given away,  
'Tis only God may be had for the asking.  
No price is set on the lavish summer;  
June may be had by the poorest comer"

I wonder how many of us realize the true spirit of Christmas. Do not many of us think only of outward appearances and give only for the looks and out of respect for the rule, which custom has now made almost law? How little we realize that often a kind word, or perhaps some act of charity will do more to gladden our own heart and the hearts of others. No doubt most of you know Lowell's "Vision of Sir Launfal," but how many ever as they have read and studied this poem re-

cause it was

"Better to me the poor man  
Better the blessings of the poor,  
Though I turn me empty from his door;  
That is no true alms which the hand can hold;  
He gives nothing but worthless gold  
Who gives from a sense of duty;  
But he who gives a slender mite,  
And gives to that which is out of sight,  
That thread of all-sustaining Beauty  
Which runs through all and doth all unite,—  
The hand cannot clasp the whole of his alms,  
The heart outstretches its eager palms,  
For a God goes with it and makes it store  
To the soul that was starving in darkness before."

Now the vision changes and he sees himself, long years after, returning in poverty and old age, in the dead of winter, at the Christmas time, to the castle no longer his. Inside is the merry cheer of the Yuletide, but he is driven from its doors, and, as he sits in the cold, the leper appears once more. Sir Launfal has now no gold to give, but he shares with the beggar his single crust and gives him water from his wooden bowl.

"'Twas a mouldy crust of coarse brown bread,  
'Twas water out of a wooden bowl,—  
Yet with fine wheaton bread was the leper fed,  
And 'twas red wine he drank with his thirsty soul."

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Then the beggar casts off his disguise; he is transformed into the Christ, who tells Sir Launfal that this is the true spirit of charity. It is not what we give, but what we share, that is welcome to the needy and of blessing to ourselves.

So, let us always, at all times, try and remember that it is not only the gift but the spirit in which it is given, that makes it priceless to those to whom it is given, and acceptable in the eyes of God. Perhaps it may be only a small act of charity or a kind word that we may be able to give—

"For it's not what we give, but what we share,—  
For the gift without the giver is bare;  
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,—  
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and me."

RICHARD C. WILLIAMS.



## The Upper Geyser Basin.

Of the four geyser basins in the Yellowstone National Park,—Norris, Lower, Middle and Upper, the smallest, yet the most wonderful and interesting, is the last of the four we reach on our trip—the Upper. The basin contains four square miles, yet the greater part of the geysers are found in an area one mile north and south, by three-fourths of a mile east and west. In the complete basin are twenty-six geysers and over four hundred hot springs. We shall speak only of the smaller part of the basin.

The Firehole River runs through this section from south to north. As most of the geysers are on or near its banks, the name Firehole is very appropriate. Running nearly parallel to the Firehole and about a quarter

of a mile west of it, is Iron Spring Creek. The surface consists, for the most part of a series of gentle undulations, each crowned by a geyser-cone or hot spring vent.

The Circuit Road crosses the Firehole near the north end of the basin and follows its west bank through the basin. A side road leads to the points of interest along Iron Spring Creek.

The first thing we see as we come from the north is Morning Glory Spring. This is one of the prettiest and most noticeable hot springs in the Park. The funnel-shaped crater is very much like a morning glory, while the coloring of the walls, pink at the edge, next green and gradually becoming a darker blue, resembles very closely that of its namesake. Indeed if one couldn't smell, he might imagine he were looking into a real flower. The sulphur odor is quite strong.

About four rods up the river from the wagon bridge which crosses it, and close to its east bank, is Riverside, one of the most interesting geysers in the basin. This geyser, instead of throwing its water vertically, erupts at an angle of about sixty degrees. If the wind is from the east, its waters reach the opposite bank of the river. When the sun shines from the west, a beautiful rainbow is made. Riverside acts about every seven hours. An overflow of water from the crater precedes each eruption by thirty minutes.

Grotto geyser, on the west bank of the Firehole, is interesting for its curiously shaped crater. Its crater is six feet high; it has four arched shaped openings at the sides, but the top is covered with formation. Naturally, the eruptions of the Grotto are not high—only six to eight feet.

Fifteen rods up the Firehole river from the Grotto,

is the largest geyser in the park—Giant. Its cone is ten feet high, tho one side has been broken down nearly to the base, doubtless in a violent eruption in 1881. It stands on a mound of deposit seventy-five feet across. This geyser throws water two hundred-fifty-feet high, but acts only once a week, and is very uncertain.

Near here the branch road to the Iron Spring Creek district leaves. In this part are no geysers, but some very pretty hot springs, chief among them being Punch Bowl, Black Sand Basin, Emerald Pool, Sunset Lake, and Handkerchief Pool.

Punch Bowl is so called from the shape of its rim, which is eighteen feet high and very brilliantly colored, tho not resembling a punch bowl very much.

Black Sand Basin has sides of black sand sloping gently toward the spring which seems to have no bottom. Its waters are a delicate turquoise tint. From its west side the overflow spreads over a large area called Specimen Lake. The silica deposit is beautifully colored in all tints over which the water flows with the thinness of tissue paper. The absorption of the silica has destroyed the trees, giving them the appearance of petrifications.

Sunset Lake and Emerald Pool are west of the creek. They have coloring corresponding to their names. Near these is Handkerchief Pool, a source of great amusement. A handkerchief put into one side of the pool will disappear, but will appear a moment later on the opposite side.

Castle Geyser, back on the Circuit road again and near the Firehole river, has a cone one hundred feet in diameter at its base, twenty feet across the top and twenty feet high. Its eruptions are at intervals of twenty-six hours and are sometimes seventy-five feet high.

About straight east of the Castle, across the Fire-hole, are several geysers. The Grand is perhaps the most beautiful geyser in the park, discharging water in forked columns to the height of two hundred feet. It is very irregular and uncertain, but its eruptions last from one to two hours. The Turban, near it, acts oftener, but not as high as the Grand. Often both are in action at the same time.

Sawmill is so called from the noise it makes while erupting, and its spiteful vigor. Its eruptions are frequent, five or six in a day, each lasting an hour.

It was my good luck to witness an eruption of the Giantess, as it acts only once in about three weeks, and is very uncertain. Its crater is merely a hole in the ground twenty-four by thirty feet, and 60 feet deep, lacking the coloring so characteristic of geysers of this region. At the beginning of the eruption the entire contents of the crater are discharged so violently that the ground trembles thruout the basin. Then it throws forked-like projections to the height of sixty to one hundred fifty feet, each with a violence which causes the ground to tremble for some distance. Each eruption usually lasts about twelve hours.

It is generally followed by an eruption of the Beehive, some three hundred feet west of it. This is one of the highest geysers, throwing water from one hundred seventy to two hundred twenty feet. The water is so hot that it nearly all evaporates before reaching the ground. It is very uncertain, sometimes acting every twelve hours, and at other times remaining inactive for forty days. The cone of the Beehive is about four feet high, three feet across at the top and seven at the base, being nearly circular. It resembles an old-fashioned bee hive somewhat.

Standing alone at the extreme southeastern corner of the basin is the most wonderful geyser in the park, which means in the world. The name Old Faithful is most appropriate, for every sixty-five minutes, never varying more than five minutes, it erupts. How these eruptions can be so regular, and have been so ever since white men knew the park, is surely wonderful.

I shall never forget the first and best eruption I saw of it, the one at nine o'clock P. M., by searchlight. This searchlight is on the top of Old Faithful Inn, one thousand feet away. As we came up about 8:40 P. M., we could see dimly the water spouting up ten or fifteen feet occasionally, and were exasperated at the searchlight man, because he seemed to prefer to focus his light anywhere but on the geyser. Promptly on schedule time, a low roaring noise was heard, quickly becoming louder. The searchlight was turned on just as the first spurt of water, some one hundred fifty feet high, was sent out. If I were to try to describe the beauty of it, or the sensation I felt, it would be a complete failure. It must be seen to be appreciated.

After five minutes, during which the spurts gradually became smaller and less violent, it stopped. And when a wag shouted, "All not satisfied with the performance, may have their money back," we felt that the trip through the Park, would be worth the while and cost, if all we saw was Old Faithful by searchlight. Equally impressive are its eruptions at sunrise, sunset and by moonlight.

RAE S. LONGWORTHY, '14

### A Real Education.

The objection is very often raised to a college education that it is unnecessary and impracticable. It is argued that by confining ones efforts to some particular line of work or profession and by limiting all training to this one purpose that one can place himself in a position of success just as rapidly as though he had the college training and that therefore the time and effort spent in college is wasted.

It will not be the purpose of this article to prove that a college education is essential to success in a career which such people advocate, though we believe that it could be proved, that, if not absolutely necessary, it makes a valuable foundation for any line of work. Our purpose shall be to point out a greater mistake than this in the judgement of these people. That mistake is a failure to determine what true success is and to appreciate the object of a college training.

We believe the highest kind of success is not to be measured by dollars and cents. We believe that there are things of much greater value.

By this we do not mean to discourage or depreciate industry or thrift nor do we wish to tolerate laziness in any form. But we do not believe that industry should be confined to selfish purposes. Instead of money being an end in itself we believe that it should merely be a means to an end. A means by which we are enabled to live. Our lives are too precious to devote to the gaining and spending of money any more than is necessary. There is something better to live for. The ideas of the goal of an education that we wish to set forth are well expressed in the standards which a certain professor of Chicago University set up for the students under him

and we believe that some very good lessons can be gotten from them. They are as follows:

Has education given you sympathy with all good causes and made you espouse them? Has it made you public spirited? Has it made you a brother to the weak? Have you learned how to make friends and keep them? Do you know how to be a friend yourself?

Can you look an honest man or a pure woman in the eye? Do you see anything to love in a little child? Will a lonely dog follow you in the street? Can you be high-minded and happy in the meaner drudgeries of life? Do you think washing dishes and hoeing corn just as compatible with high thinking as piano playing or golf?

Are you good for anything to yourself? Can you be happy alone? Can you look out on the world and see anything except dollars and cents?

Can you look into a mud puddle by the wayside and see a clear sky? Can you see anything in the puddle but mud? Can you look into the sky at night and see beyond the stars? Can your soul claim relationship with the Creator?

ARTHUR GEORGE '13



### Pacific Well Represented at the Annual Oregon-Idaho P. M. C. A. Convention.

Another of those splendid conventions has come and gone. This year it was held at Salem on December 8, 9 and 10. Pacific was represented by seven delegates. Olin Hadley, Howard and Everett George, Ray Langworthy, M. D. Hawkins, Edgar Pearson, and Claude Lewis. These delegates got the spirit of the conven-

tion from the start and began taking notes at the session.

This was the eleventh annual convention, and after ten years of work previous to this it was a fitting time to plan for greater work; to look for the "Opening doors of Opportunity," and so that was the slogan at this convention. It was a convention without any leaders who could be said to have a national reputation, but composed almost entirely of the workers on the field. About one hundred and eighty-five delegates registered, the majority of whom were college men. It was a time of facing responsibility sternly and resolutely. A distinct determination to seek out and occupy the field, adequately, permeated the whole body of delegates.

One of the important phases considered was that of social service. The subject, "The opening doors of Social Regeneration" was ably handled by R. R. Perkins, the religious work director of the Portland association. He showed that there were two phases of religious: social and personal. Two commands were to love God and love your neighbor. He pointed out a great many lines of social service which demand our attention.

Another of the most important phases of work to which there are opening doors is the Men and Religion Movement. The subject was ably presented by W. H. Lewis, a contractor from Portland. He was a live speaker and presented the true program of the church in five heads. Boys' work, Bible study, missionary, Evangelistic, and social service. He said that every church member should get a good job in the church and work at it, for in the next five years a man would be extremely unpopular who was idle in the church.

A conference of this sort has many more good things than have been mentioned and some sessions relating to student work are of more direct interest to us, but space will not permit of reviewing them here. One enjoyable feature was the banquet given on Saturday evening. After partaking of a sumptuous banquet we listened to some very interesting toasts and college yells.

Now that it is past the thing of the Pacific College association occupying its opening doors of service confronts us anew. With the enthusiasm of the convention, new methods, and ideas we ought to do some efficient work during the rest of this year, and the coming years. Now let every student get into the Christian work and render some true service.



### A Toast.

Here's to the College (there are like her but few),  
Here's to our Alma Mater true,  
Here's to her jolly students too,  
Here's to her old gold and navy blue,  
Dear Old Pacific, here's to you!

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Shakespeare said, "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune," and "We must take the current while it serves, or lose our ventures." A short time ago a crisis came in the affairs of Pacific College. Its future hung in the balance and decisive action was necessary that the name of the college might endure. At this time the worthiness of its cause was manifested by its many friends who were ready to express their loyalty in a material way and the most pressing need was supplied—a new building. We are now on the flood tide and if we would not lose the venture for which so many sacrifices have been made we must take the current while it serves. We must insure the permanence of this institution and the ideals for which it is striving. This is now being done. A movement has already been started to secure an endowment fund and the work is in the hands of those whose interest in Pacific College will insure its success. And may it prosper to the extent that a worthy cause deserves.

## Locals.

"Hello, do you have your oration finished?"

The German classes are talking of putting on a German play, to buy chairs for the Recitation room. Here's hoping several rockers and Morris chairs, with perhaps a sofa are obtained.

The Ladies' Glee Club of the College gave their first public recital of the year on December 8. Of the program of seven numbers, four were given by the Glee Club, and three, consisting of a piano duet, 'cello solos and trio of 'cello, violin and piano, were given by Prof., Miss Dorothy, and Mrs. Hull.

Miss N. Blanche Ford, pastor of the Friends church of Salem, led chapel on December 19. She is a graduate of Penn college and her interest in us, together with her pleasing manner has won a warm place in the hearts of the students.

A very successful public recital was given by the college music students on December 14. Though it was the first public appearance of several of the students, not an unsatisfactory number was rendered; and though the program was two hours long, the interest of the audience was held to the very end.

LOST—Somewhere between the faculty and gymnasium—one Agoretton Literary Club.

The College sophomores gave the first inter-class party of the year to the freshman on November 29. Games were played and at 10 o'clock light refreshments were served, after which the chaperons, Prof. and Mrs. Weesner, went home on regulation time.

The freshmen indulged in a taffy pull on December

23, to drive away all cares. Pres. Pennington acted as chaperon and the freshies got his hands so balled up with taffy that he couldn't look at his watch till near midnight.

Howard George, Langworthy and Lewis reported at Y. M. C. A. Wednesday, December 13, on the session of Saturday p. m., December 9, of the convention at Salem.

The German III Class, through their teacher, Miss Lewis, is arranging a correspondence with the pupils of the Stettin, Germany, High School, who are studying English. The letters from here are to be written in German, sent to Germany, corrected by the pupils and returned; those from Stettin are to be in English and corrected by the German III Class, and returned. It will doubtless prove very interesting and instructive.

We can hardly see how Prof. Johnson can think that a foul in basketball is easier to perceive than a foul in baseball unless it were a tip.

The smiling face of Richard Williams was seen again, December 14, after an absence of two weeks, due to sickness.

Some little excitement was caused one day early in December by a banner bearing the strange device "P. A. 13," hanging the west of the College building. The third year preps, assisted by the first year preps, succeeded in laying it low, despite the resistance of one lone second year.

Claude Lewis and Everett George report the Sunday evening session by far the most interesting of the whole series. Everett was especially touched by the speaker of the afternoon.

### Exchanges

We are glad to find that our exchange list is already larger than it was last year. However, we hope that it has not reached its limit. Every number is very welcome.

The Clarion, Salem High School, is one of our neatest exchanges, both in outward appearance and in the arrangement of material.

The Review, McMinnville. Your National Park number certainly is a credit to your school.

The first number of "The Noun," Monmouth, is a very good start and a foundation for an excellent paper.

The Acropolis, Whittier, California. You have made great improvements over your last year's issues. Your November number is something new and attractive.

Professor: A fool can ask questions that wise men cannot answer.

Pupil: Then that's the reason so many of us flunked in exams.—Ex.

Soph. "Did you ever take chloroform?"

Freshie. "No, who teaches it?"—Ex.

Boy—Would you like to have a pet monkey?

She—Oh, this is so sudden!—Ex.

Witty Soph.—Do you believe that story about the cross-eyed girl?

Innocent Freshie—What was that?

Witty Soph.—Why the one that was so cross-eyed that when she cried the tears ran down her back and she died of bacteria.—Ex.



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